

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A human test, comprising the steps of:  
posing a question that is selected to exercise a  
human conceptual capability;  
obtaining an answer to the question and  
comparing the answer to a correct answer that would  
10 be rendered by the human being.
2. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of  
posing a question comprises the step of posing a  
question that is selected to exercise an image  
recognition capability.  
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3. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of  
posing a question comprises the step of posing a  
question that is selected to exercise a capability to  
20 recognize spoken speech.
4. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of  
posing a question comprises the step of posing a  
question that is selected to exercise a natural  
language processing capability.  
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5. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of  
posing a question comprises the step of posing a  
question that is selected to exercise a common sense  
30 reasoning capability.
6. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of  
posing a question comprises the step of posing a

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question that is selected to exercise any combination of image recognition and spoken speech recognition and natural language processing and common sense reasoning capabilities.

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7. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of posing a question comprises the step of posing a question using speech communication.

10 8. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of posing a question comprises the step of posing a question using visual communication.

15 9. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of posing a question comprises the step of posing a question using a communication that is adapted to a human having an impairment.

20 10. The human test of claim 1, wherein the step of posing a question comprises the steps of:

generating a stimulus that is perceptible by one or more human senses;

25 posing a question pertaining to the stimulus that is selected to exercise the human conceptual capability.

11. The human test of claim 10, wherein the step of generating a stimulus comprises the step of generating an image.

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12. The human test of claim 10, wherein the step of generating a stimulus comprises the step of generating a speech communication.

13. The human test of claim 10, wherein the step of generating a stimulus comprises the step of generating a sound.

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14. The human test of claim 1, further comprising the step of measuring a time taken by a subject of the human test to provide the answer.

10 15. A computer-readable storage media that holds a set of information for performing a human test by posing a question that is selected to exercise a human conceptual capability.

15 16. The computer-readable storage media of claim 15, wherein the information includes a set of possible questions from which the question may be selected.

17. The computer-readable storage media of claim 15,  
20 wherein the information includes an image that poses the question.

18. The computer-readable storage media of claim 15,  
25 wherein the information includes a sound that poses the question.

19. The computer-readable storage media of claim 15,  
wherein the information includes an image to which the question pertains.

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20. The computer-readable storage media of claim 15,  
wherein the information includes a sound to which the question pertains.